REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

DANIELS COUNTY, MONTANA

Open Session

DATE: December 13, 2019

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Mezzanine – Room 413

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesse Cole, Tim Tande, Leif Handran, Matt Stentoft and DuWayne Wilson

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Tara Thomas, Greg Hardy and Colleen Drury

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Leibrand, Abby Levang, Shalice Maldonado, George Moreno, Adam Christie, Perry Wolfe, Amber French, Tim Rask, Brock Berryhill, Connie Wittak, Duane Anderson and Travis Oller.

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Chairman Jesse Cole called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m., after eating breakfast in the cafeteria. Roll was taken and it was established that a quorum was present.

Chairman Cole recognized Patrons & Visitors.

Brock Berryhill asked to be added to next month’s agenda to discuss the possibility of organizing a Fellowship for Christian Athletes group which would meet monthly during lunch hour. Chairman Cole agreed to have them added to the January agenda.

Tim Rask & Amber French presented a proposal for the Daniels-Sheridan Federal Credit Union to install an ATM in the school, as a convenience for the community. All costs would be incurred by the Credit Union. Chairman Cole agreed to have them added to the January agenda.

On motion by Matt Stentoft, seconded by DuWayne Wilson, the minutes from the regular meeting on November 11, 2019, were approved unanimously as presented.

The Principal’s report was discussed and is attached and made a part of these minutes by reference.

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**Committee Reports:**

*Operations/Activities/Personnel* – October 21, 2019 – minutes attached for reference

*Operations/Activities/Personnel* – October 22, 2019 – minutes attached for reference

Leif Handran reported that they are looking at e-Rate for some cost assistance for hardware upgrades (switches etc.) Access points were added into the elementary with a new program to maintain them. All staff is happy with way things are going this year.

*Finance* – November 19, 2019 – minutes attached for reference

Matt Stentoft & DuWayne Wilson reported the following topics were discussed: Wages for the new janitor with additional qualifications were discussed along with the possibility of offering incentives for other classified employees to do this also. The implications of a voted building reserve levy that would raise money over time to be used for the repair, maintenance and upkeep of the school and for larger projects that may arise. This may take some community meetings if the board wants to proceed. Will have to be completed by March 31 to be included on the mandatory Levy Resolution that has to be published. Implications of a buy-out for teachers with over 30 years experience. The 4 day week and budget implications were discussed.

**Finance:**

On motion by Tim Tande, and seconded by Matt Stentoft, Claims #16487-16560 dated November 1, 2019 through December 10, 2019 in the amount of $81,012.09, were approved unanimously as presented

On motion by Tim Tande, and seconded by DuWayne Wilson, the Activities Report for the month of November, 2019 was approved unanimously as presented.

**New Business:**

Mr. Christie presented information regarding a Music Booster Club. He was approached by parents who would like to help with fundraising for the music department (instrument repair, trips, tournaments). This would be ok if it has structure (President/VP/Treasurer etc) and they would have to come to the board for approval of any fundraising events that would take place in the school.

The next action item – Parent violation – was moved to later in the meeting for participants to arrive.

Matt Stentoft moved to allow hire Peyton Nieskens as the second Jr. High Basketball coach for the 2020 season, pending background check. DuWayne Wilson seconded. Discussion followed regarding why the second girls Jr. High coach was only a volunteer and this is a paid position. DuWayne Wilson amended the motion to add paying Josh Green – the second Jr. High Girls Coach the same stipend, Matt Stentoft seconded and all present voted in favor. Matt Stentoft then moved to hire Peyton Nieksens as a volunteer High School Boys Basketball coach for the 2019-2020 season pending background check. DuWayne Wilson seconded and all present voted in favor.

Matt Stentoft moved to approve Sharon Stephenson’s letter of resignation effective the end of December 2019. DuWayne Wilson seconded and all present voted in favor. The Board wished to thank Mrs. Stephenson for her years of service to Scobey School.

Leif Handran moved to hire Kris Rush as a part time kitchen aide for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. DuWayne Wilson seconded and all present voted in favor.

Leif Handran moved to hire Gary Dykes as Custodian for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year pending completion of criminal background check to the satisfaction of the Superintendent and to set his hourly rate of pay at $14.50/hour with a raise to $15.50/hour after successfully obtaining a current Montana boilers license. DuWayne Wilson seconded. Discussion regarding offering a contract prior to background check results, with board decision to offer contract immediately with appropriate wording included. All present voted in favor.

Tim Tande moved to ban Travis Oller from the school premises for 6 months for all activities per Board Policy #5015. Leif Handran seconded and all present voted in favor.

Tim Tande moved to approve the first reading of Board Policy #4330R & #4330F (Facilities Access) with revisions as presented. Matt Stentoft seconded and all present voted in favor.

Matt Stentoft moved to approve the changes to the Spartan Standards. DuWayne Wilson seconded. Changes are for adding “Audio Capabilties” in respect to the surveillance system. All present voted in favor.

Leif Handran moved to approve the second reading of Board Policies as presented. Matt Stentoft seconded and all present voted in favor.

Tim Tande moved to resolve that the attached list of items, which are the property of School District No. 1, have become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable for the purposes of the district, and to consider the adoption of a resolution to authorize the sale or disposition of such property: library books. Matt Stentoft seconded and all present voted in favor.

Next regular meeting will be moved from January 13, 2020 to January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board completed a walk-through of the school after the meeting.

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Chairman District Clerk